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HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Adopted and Filed

Rulemaking related to amount, duration and scope of medical and remedial services

The Department of Health and Human Services hereby amends Chapter 78, "Amount, Duration and Scope of Medical and Remedial Services," Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code chapter 249A.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 249A.

Purpose and Summary

This rulemaking allows rural health clinics (RHCs) to receive Medicaid reimbursement for the provision of dental services. The services would be provided by local dentists who contract with the RHCs.

Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on September 30, 2026, as **ARC 0620D**. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- October 20, 2026

Public comments were received in support of the rulemaking from the Iowa Dental Association. Written public comments were also received in support of the rulemaking from Delta Dental, Montgomery County Memorial Hospital and Clinics, and a private practice dentist. No changes from the Notice have been made.

Adoption of Rulemaking

This rulemaking was adopted by the Department on November 4, 2026.

Fiscal Impact

Based upon a 2.94 percent RHC opt-in estimate, this rulemaking will result in a total cost increase of $3,934,581.43, consisting of a $2,736,894.84 federal share and a $1,197,686.59 State share.

Jobs Impact

This rulemaking may positively impact small dental providers by enabling them to receive reimbursement for services provided at RHCs.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 441—Chapter 2504.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting.

The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Effective Date

This rulemaking will become effective on January 1, 2027.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** subrule 78.21(4):

78.21(4) *Dental services.* Payment will be made to rural health clinics for dental services payable under Iowa Medicaid's dental wellness plan as described in 441—Chapter 73.

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